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Comments: Dear USFS: I am providing comments today on the proposed Region 5 Post-Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project #60950. I strongly believe that dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness Areas and Wilderness Study Areas. Such trees are part of the ecosystem and part of the process, and provide important habitat for woodpeckers, a variety of insects, among others.

Chainsaws do not belong in Wilderness Areas. Machinery such as chainsaws goes against the intent of the Wilderness Act, which requires that crosscut and other types of handsaws be used when clearing trails.

The Forest Service should exclude all Wilderness areas from the proposed project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.